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ARGENTINA: PRESIDENT PERON'S DECISION. AMBOUNCED ON JUNE 28.

TO RESCRIP RECENTLY REGOTIATED LABOR CONTRACTS RISKS COMPLETELY

ALIEMATING THE POWERFUL ARGENTINE LABOR HOVEMENT. IT COULD LEAD TO

A RESUMPTION OF THE GENERAL STRIKE THAY OCCURRED ON JUNE 27 AND TO

HORE DEMONSTRATIONS.Y

IN A STRONGLY WORDED SPEECH. THE PRESIDENT CRITICIZED ORGANIZED LABOR FOR CONTRIBUTING TO DECLINING PRODUCTION AND GROWING IMPLATION.

INSTEAD OF PAY INCREASES RANGING UP TO 138 FERCENT THAT THE UNIONS HAD RECENTLY WON. HRS. PERON OFFERED BURKERS A SU-PERCENT INCREASE HOW. AND THE SUBSEGUENT BOOSTS OF 15 PERCENT EACH TO FOLLOW IN OCTOBER AND JANUARY.

THE DECISION LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE LABOR MINISTER
SHORTLY AFTER THE SPEECH. UNION OFFICIALS MAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY
WILL NEET TODAY TO DETERMINE THEIR RESPONSE.Y

HAGES ARE ONLY PART OF THE PROBLEM. THE ROLE OF PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT LOPEZ REGA. WHO PROBABLY CONVINCED MRS- PERON TO AHNUL THE CONTRACTS. IS ALSO A SERIOUS ISSUE. THE MILITARY. AS WELL AS LABOR.

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ARE DISTURBED BY HIS APPARENT ROLE IN PERPETUATING THE GOVERNMENT'S IMPASSE WITH LABOR. ALTHOUGH THE HILITARY HAS BEEN HESITANT TO INTERVENE. IT HAY NOW PRESS FOR LOPEZ REGA'S KENOVAL. THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION COULD BRING THE OFFICERS TO PUT ASIDE THEIR PEAR THAT. DEPRIVED OF HER CNIEF AIDE. HRS. PERON NIGHT RESIGN.Y

THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY RESIGN OF BE FORCED OUT IS DOUBTLESS BEING DISCUSSED IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. A NUMBER OF PERCHIST SENATORS HAVE BEEN RECTING TO DISCUSS THE SELECTION OF A REU SENATE PRESIDENT WHO BOUND BE CONSTITUTIONALLY MEXT IN LINE TO SUCCEED BES PERON.Y

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL HONTHS. THE POST HAS BEEN LEFT VACANY AT HER INSISTENCE. THE SENATORS REPORTEDLY BEE CONFERRING WITH LABOR LEADERS. WHOSE VIEWS ON A POTENTIAL SUCCESSOR ARE OBVIOUSLY CRUCIAL. COMPIDENTIALSY

BRAZIL: BRAZIL'S OPPICIALLY RANCTIONED BPBOSITION PRRTY. THE BRAZILIAN DEMOCRAYIC MOVEMENT. IS TRYING TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION BY TAKING HIGHLY NATIONALISTIC POSITIONS ON JUESTIONS OF DOMESTIC LATEREST. THE LATEST BEING THE REPORTED EPFORTS OF THE US TO BELAY

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TIGNING OF DRAZIL'S MUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH WEST GERNANY. OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE IN THIS WAY BEEN ABLE TO EMPROVE THEIR STANDING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND WITH MILITARY CONSERVATIVES.Y

THEIR EFFORTS COMPLICATE THE BRAZILIAN POLITICAL SCENE. SINCE
THE CONSERVATIVE MILITARY OFFICERS PRESSING FOR THE REINSTATEMENT
OF POLITICAL CONTROLS ON THE OPPOSITION ARE ALSO STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC. OPPOSITION POLITICIANS ARE PROBABLY HOPING TO EXPLOIT THIS
AMBIVALENCE TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF A CRACKDOWN.Y

DURING THE PAST WEEK. ONE OPPOSITION MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE
REGUESTED SUPPORT ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA TO DEFEND THE CONTINENT'S
TECHNOLOGICAL INTERESTS: ANOTHER SAID PUBLICLY THAT ARGENTINA ALREADY
HAD A NUCLEAR DEVICE. Y

OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS REPORTEDLY ARE ATTEMPTING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE ARMED PORCES BY INTRODUCING A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE WAGES OF ALL MILITARY PERSONMEL. THIS EFFORT MAY BE SHORT-LIVED, HOWEVER, MILITARY COMSERVATIVES HAVE PREPARED A DOCUMENT THAT ACCUSES THE OPPOSITION PARTY OF ATTEMPTING TO DIVIDE THE ARMED FORCES, A CRIME UNDER THE MATIONAL SECURITY LAW.Y

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THE OPPOSITION PARTY HAS ALSO TAKEN A NATIONALISTIC LINE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSMATRONAL CORPORATIONS IN BRAZIL. THESE COMPORATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVESTIGATED BY A CONGRESSIONAL CONMITTEE.

OPPOSITION LEADERS REEN TO HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE POLITICAL SYSTEM AS IT IS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. THEIR SUCCESS LAST EALL AT THE POLLS HAS APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED THEN TO WORK FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE. COMPIDENTIAL) E-2 IMPDET.A

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1.//LAOS: COMMUNIST-INSPIRED HARASSMENT OF THE US MISSION IN VIENTIANE CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND.//Y

//A MIXED GROUP OF PATHET LAO TROOPS, AS WELL AS STUDENT AND OTHER CIVILIAN DEMONSTRATORS, STILL OCCUPY THE GROUNDS OF THREE AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS THEY SEIZED EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. THE INSTALLATIONS INCLUDE THEY USIS HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN VIETNTIANE, AND THE US EMBASSY'S GENERAL SERVICES COMPOUND AND NEARBY AMERICAN RESIDDENTIAL HOUSING AREA ON THE CAPITAL'S OUTSKIRTS. THE USIS INSTALLATION WAS VACATED LAST WEEK, AND ALL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN SAFELY EVACUATED FROM THE OTHERS TWO FACILITIES.//Y

//ACCORDING TO US OFFICIALS、THE DEMONSTRATORS—INITIALLY

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WALL POSTERS AROUND ALL THREE INSTALLATIONS. SOME OF THE POSTERS

CALL FOR THE DEPARTURE OF ALL "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" BFROM

LAOS BY JUNE 30 AND THREATEN HARSH CONSEQUENCES IF THAT

"BDBDEADLINED" IS NOT MET. //Y

// US OFFICIALS ALSO REPORT THAT. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE
THE PATHET LAC - ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT AND
INTIMIDATION AGAINST AMERICANS BEGAN NEARLY TWO MONTHS AGO.
CIVILIAN DEMONSTRATORS ARE BRANDISHING WEAPONS. NO VIOLENCE OR
PROPERTY DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED THUS FAR.//Y

// N PROTESTS BY THE US MISSION TO THE COALITION GOVERNMENT'S
FOREIGN AND ECONOMICS MINISTRIES, WHICH ARE CONTROLLED BY THE
PATHET LAO, TO STOP THE LATEST ANTI-AMERICAN OUTBURSTS HAVE
THUS FAR FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. DESCRIBING THE SITUATION AS
HIGHLY VOLATILE, THE US CHARGE ON JUNE 28 SOUGHT THE
INTERVENTION OF PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA. SOUVANNA ORDERED
COMMUNIST ECONOMICS MINISTER SOTH PHETRASY TO DISPERSE THE
DEMONSTRATORS, BUT THE ORDER HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED.//Y

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// SOUVANNA TOLD THE CHARGE THAT HE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS—WHICH IS ALMOST CERTAINLY TRUE—AND.

IN HIS EVER—OPTIMISTIC FASHION. DISMISSED OUT OF HAND THE

NOTION THAT THEY REFLECTED THE COALITION'S DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT

A TOTAL AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM LAOS.//Y

//THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT THIS WEEKEND'S

OCCUPATION OF AMERICAN FACILITIES IN VIENTIANE MAY BE A PRELUDE

TO A LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE US EMBASSY THAT IS

REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY. SOUVANNA HAS INSTRUCTED SOTH

NOT TO PERMIT ANY SUCH DEMONSTRATION. BUT IN ALMOST ALL

CASES SOTH TAKES HIS ORDERS FROM PATHET LAO COALITION

AUTHORITIES.//Y

//AT THE MINIMUM. US OFFICIALS EXPECT DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEES

OF ROYAL AIR LAO TO PETITION THE EMBASSY FOR THE SAME KIND

OF EXORBITANT SEVERANCE PAY THAT THE AMERICANS WERE RECENTLY FORCED

TO SHELL OUT TO FORMER LAO AID WORKERS. THE CHARGE FEELS THAT

A VERY TOUGH CONFRONTATION MAY DEVELOP. AND THAT IT COULD

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DEMONSTRATION, THE US CHARGE HAS TEMPORARILY DISPATCHED 19
NONESSENTIAL EMBASSY MISTAFFERS TO THAILAND, LEAVING ONLY 22
OFFICIAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN VIENTIANE, SOME 57 PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALSO REMAIN IN THE LAO CAPITAL. (SECRET)//Y

73. //NORTH KOREA-US: STATEMENTS OF DEFENSE SECRETARY

PREDICTABLY, CONDEMNING THE STATEMENTS OF DEFENSE SECRETARY

SCHLESINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD LAST WEEK THAT THE US WOULD NOT

RULE OUT THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ANOTHER KOREAN WAR. IN A

RARE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ISSUED ON JUNE 24, PYONGYANG

LABELED THE COMMENTS "NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL" AND STATED THAT THE

ATTEMPT TO FRIGHTEN THE KOREAN PEOPLE IS A SIGN OF US VULNERABILITY.

THE STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT NORTH KOREA HAS ALREADY MADE IT

CLEAR THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF INVADING THE SOUTH. SUBSEQUENT

COMMENTARY—BROADCAST IN BOTH ENGLISH AND KOREAN—HAS FOLLOWED

THE SAME LINE.//Y

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/ MINIMPYONGYANG HAS NOT SUGGESTED THAT THE US IS BLUFFING, BUT

BENEMBHAS INSTEAD CHARGED THAT WASHINGTON IS REINFORCING ITS MILITARY

POSITION IN KOREA AS PART OF ITS POST-VIETNAM STRATEGY. A SIMILAR

THEME WAS VOICED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FALL OF INDOCHINA.

PYONGYANG HOPES THAT ITS GROWING DIPLOMATIC CLOUT WILL EVENTUALLY

FORCE US TROOPS OUT OF KOREA, BUT FOR THE NEAR TERM IT APPARENTLY

BELIEVES THAT THE US HAS STRENGTHENED ITS COMMITMENT TO SEOUL.//Y

//THUS FAR, THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE NOT REACTED TO THE US
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE UN ON JUNE 27. WASHINGTON HAS OFFERED,
TOGETHER WITH SEOUL, TO DISSOLVE THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA BY
JANUARY 1, 1976, IF ALTERNATIVE ARMISTICE GUARANTEES CAN BE
WORKED OUT BEFORE THEN. PYONGYANG HAS REJECTED SUCH OFFERS
IN THE PAST.//Y

MANAGEMENT OF THE US - SOUTH KOREAN PROPOSAL OR THE STATEMENTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. A TASS ARTICLE OF JUNE 27, ISSUED IN ENGLISH, DID REPORT THE PROPOSAL, CHARACTERIZING IT AS AN

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CONSESS THE PROPOSAL, AND IT MADE NO MENTION OF THE CONDITION
THAT A NEW ARMISTICE BE SUBSTITUTED.//Y

//A SOVIET DOMESTIC BROADCAST, ALSO OF JUNE 27, NOTES THE

STATEMENT OF A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN THAT THE US HAS NOT

CHANGED ITS NUCLEAR POLICY, BUT MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE

TO KOREA. NEITHER CHINA NOR THE SOVIET UNION HAS REPLAYED

NORTH KOREAN COMMENTARY ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION. MICONFIDENTIAL: // 4

3. CHINA: DEA FRENCH NEWS AGENCY REPORT FROM PEKING THAT QUOTED A CHINESE POLITBURO MEMBER AS SAYING THAT PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI HAD OFFICIALLY LEFT THE HOSPITAL WAS INCORRECT. THE CHINESE NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THAT CHOU MET PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON IN A HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY.

MOST OF CHOURN'S MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN VISITORS HAVE TAKEN
PLACE IN A HOSPITAL FO/ THE PAST YEAR. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS
WAS HIS MEETING ON JUNE 26 WITH A VISITING CHINESE-AMERICAN
PROFESSOR. A PICTURE OF THE MEETING SHOWED THE TWO MEN OUTDOORS.

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AND THE CHINESE ANNOUNCEMENT DROPPED THE REFERENCE TO THE
HOSPITAL. MOST VISITORS HAVE DESCRIBED THE MEETING PLACE AS MORE
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DECOLONITIZATION PLAN FOR PORTUGUESE TIMOR WITH REPRESENTATIVES

OF TWO OF THE THREE TIMORESE POLITICAL PARTIES. THE MEETING,

WHICH IS BEING HELD IN MACAO, WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 15,

BUT WAS DELAYED UNTIL SUNDAY BE ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES.4

THE PORTUGUESE HAD DIDFFICULTY PERSUADING ALL THREE PARTIES
TO ATTEND. ONE OF THE GROUPS, A RADICAL MOVEMENT FAVORING IMMEDIATE
INDEPENDENCE FOR TIMOR, IS BOYCOTTING THE TALKS, RATHER THAN SIT
DOWN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTY THAT ADVOCUATES MERGER
WITH INDONESIA.Y

OFFICIAL SPONKESMEN AT THE TALKS HAVE CAUTIONED NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM THE MEETINGS. BUT THE PORTUGUESE APPEAR DETERMINED TO MOVE AHEAD AND END THEIR ROLE ON THE ISLAND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AFTER THE TALKS HAVE CONCLUDED. THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE RULING RE-VOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. WHICH WILL DRAW UP A DECREE-LAW SETTING A TIME SCHEDULE FOR TIMOR'S DECOLÓNIZATION. ACCORDING TO ROVING AMBASSADOR VITOR ALVES.

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AND SUBMITTED TO TIMOR'S THREE POLITICAL PARTIES. THE PROPOSALS
HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. BUT PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS FOR
TIMOR WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT IN OTHER PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS
TERRITORIES. ACCORDING TO TIMORESE DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE.
THIS INCLUDES THEM FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOMVERNMENT BY
THE END OF THE YEAR AND ELECTIONS FOR A POPULAR ASSEMBLY IN
1976.4

THE PORTUGUESE ARE ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE PROCESS AS PAINLESS

AS POSSIBLE AND WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO SATISFMY THOSE WHO

FAVOR INDEPENDENCE, AND MAT THE SAME TIME TRY TO AVOID MUMB

OFFENDING THE INDONESIANS. THE LATTER HAVE MADE NO SECRET OF

THEIR DESIRE TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY. THE PRORTUGUESE MAY LOOK

TO A POPULAR REFERENDUM AS THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE THE DILEMMUMA.Y

THE INDONESIANS HAVE ASSUMED A MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE ABOUT TIMOR IN RECENT WEEKS AND NOW ARE APPARENTLY CONVINCED THAT THEY WILL EVENTUALLY GAIN CONTROL OF THE ISLAND. INDONESIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIABLS ARE PRESUMBABLY EXCEPTING CLOSE TABS ON THE

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MACAO MEETINGS.47

THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WILL ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS STAY

IN MACAO TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT POLITICAL STATUTE FOR THAT ISLAND

WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. THE STATUTE IS EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN THE

PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION OF MACAO, BUT WILL PROBABLY ALLOW

GREATER AUTONOMY IN LOCAL MATTERS. THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO HAS

INDICATED THAT A LOCAL POLICE COMMAND WILL REPALACE PORTUGUESE

ARMY UNITS AND A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WILL BE ELECTED. 4

IN DEFERENCE TO PEKING'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO,
PORTUGAL HAS NOT GIVEN MACAO THE OPTION DEFOR INDEPENDENCE THAT DESIRED HAS BEEN GRANTED TO ALL THE OTHER TERRITORIES. PORTUGAL IS ANXIOUS
TO CURRY CHINA'S FAVOR, IN HOPES OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THUS FAR, THE CHINESE HAVE REMAINED ALOOF, ALTHOUGH THERE
HAS BEEN LIMITED CONTACT THROUGH THIRD—DPARTY INTERMEDIARIES. THE
CHINESE WILL PROBABLY REMAIN AT A DISTANCE UNTIL THEY ARE CON—
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EUROPEAN BRIEF 100-75.4

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D. PORTUGAL: PORTUGAL'S LEADERS HAVE ANNOUNCED A STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION OF THE RULÍNG ARMED FORCES REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THE CHANGES SEEM DESIGNED, AT LEAST IN PART, TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY. IT IS TOO SOON TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CHANGES WILL AFFECT THE POWER BALANCE BETWEEN MODERATES AND RADICALS.Y

AFTER A NIGHT-LONG SESSION, THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

ISSUED A STATEMENT EARLY ON SATURDAY SAYING IT WILL CREATE A

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WITH SUBORDINATE POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES, GENERAL POLICY LINES WILL STILL BE

DECIDED BY THE FULL COUNCIL, BUT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL

MAKE DECISIONS ON CURRENT MATTERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BODIES.Y

THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH IS TO HANDLE DAY-TO-DAY

COUNCIL BUSINESS, IS COMPOSED OF LL SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE

COUNCIL. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES,

SECURITY CHIEF OTELO DE CARVALHO, AND ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO

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WILL BE JOINED ON THE COMMITTEE BY THE CHIEFS OF THE GENERAL

STAFFS OF THE THREE MILITARY BRANCHES. THE FOUR OTHERS, WHO

WILL ALSO BE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, WERE NOT NAMED.Y

THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH
THE POLITICAL PARTIES, AS WELL AS WITH UNIONS AND "MASS
ORGANIZATIONS." THE COUNCIL STATEMENT DOES NOT DISCUSS
THE FUNCTIONS OR LIST THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY OR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.Y

THE COUNCIL STATEMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED APPROVAL OF TWO

DECREE LAWS—ONE CREATING A JUDICIAL POLICE SERVICE UNDER

THE COUNCIL'S SUPERVISION, AND ANOTHER ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS

FOR A REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO JUDGE THOSE IMPLICATED

IN THE COUP ATTEMPT OF MARCH 11. THE OPENING OF THE NEXT SESSION

OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS SET FOR JULY 8-4

ANOTHER DECREE LAW PROMALGATED RECENTLY PROHIBITS MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT FROM MAKING STATEMENTS IN DISAGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY AND REQUIRES ANY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPROVAL BEFORE TRAVELING OUTSIDE DATE:
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THE COUNTRY. THESE MEASURES APPEAR DIRECTED AGAINST SOCIALIST

PARTY LEADER MARIO SOARES, WHO HAS CONDUCTED A PUBLIC DISCUSSION

OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO OTHER EUROPEAN

CAPITALS TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR HIS PARTY. Y

THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS ALSO APPROVED A DECREE LAW PROVIDING SANCTIONS AGAINST MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO DISCORD WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, COMMIT OR ENCOURAGE ACTS OF VIOLENCE, OR DISRUPT PUBLIC ORDER. THIS LAW MOST PROBABLY IS AIMED NOT ONLY AT COMBATING INDISCIPLINE IN THE ARMED FORCES, BUT ALSO AT CERTAIN MILITARY UNITS WHICH HAVE SHOWN SYMPATHY WITH RADICAL LEFTIST GROUPS. ECONFIDENTIALLY

2. CEMA: ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL ISSUES DOMINATED THE 29TH CEMA MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BUDAPEST FROM JUNE 24 TO 26.4

THE EAST EUROPEANS, WHO HAVE BEEN HARD HIT BY WESTERN INFLATION AND SOVIET PRICE HIKES, WERE CLEARLY SEEKING ASSURANCES ON FUTURE SOVIET RAW MATERIAL DELIVERIES.

HUNGARIAN PREMIER LAZAR SAID BUDAPEST IS EXPECTING "MUCH ASSISTANCE" FROM MOSCOW FOR FUEL AND POWER SUPPLIES. IN

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APPARENT RESPONSE, KOSYGIN SAID MOSCOW IS PROVIDING EASTERN
EUROPE WITH ADDITIONAL RAW MATERIALS AND IMPLIED THAT
INCREASING INVESTMENTS IN THIS FIELD WOULD BENEFIT ITS ALLIES.4

THE PARTICIPANTS FORMALLY ENDORSED A SO-CALLED CEMA
"MULTILATERAL INTEGRATION PLAN" FOR TEN JOINT INVESTMENT

PROJECTS DURING 1976-80 AT A COST OF \$13 BILLION. MANY OF THE

VENTURES IN THE "PLAN" ALREADY ARE IN PROGRESS. AND NO NEW

PPOJECTS WERE ANNOUNCED. KOSYGIN'S CONTENTION THAT MULTILATERAL

PLANS DO NOT CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUGGESTS THAT THERE WAS CONTROVERSY AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS ON

THIS SUBJECT.Y

A BLAND COMMUNIQUE MASKED ANY SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES. IT WAS SILENT ON CEMA'S NEXT MOVE TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH THE EC. NOTING ONLY THAT "OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" HAD A "GROWING INTEREST" IN TIES WITH CEMA. THE DOCUMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CLOSER COORDINATION OF NATIONAL FIVE-YEAR PLANS THAT BEGIN IN 1976 CONTINUES TO ENCOUNTER "PROBLEMS."

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THE LEGAL UNDERPINNINGS OF CEMA AUTHORITY, A SUBJECT THAT UNDOUBTEDLY SPARKED CONTROVERSY. THE ROMANIANS WOULD BF CERTAIN TO RESIST ANY LANGUAGE THAT IN THEIR VIEW GIVES CEMA OR ITS ORGANS SUPRA-NATIONAL AUTHORITY.Y

FOLLOWING THE BUDAPEST SESSION, CEMA SECRETARY FADEYEV

STRESSED THE FAMILIAR THEME OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OPENNESS AND

SAID THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE IN JULY OF IRAGI

FARTICIPATION IN SOME JOINT PROJECTS. HE ALSO SAID THAT AN

ACCORD WITH MEXICO IS EXPECTED IN THE "NEAR FUTURE" AND THAT

COLOMBIA HAS INQUIRED ABOUT COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES. {CONFIDENTIAL}

J. USSR: A JUNE 1975 REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY

IN MOSCOW NAMES A NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT THE IN
STITUTE OF THE USA AND CANADA--RADOMIR GEORGIYEVICH

BOGDANOV. HE HAS APPARENTLY ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY

FOR "INTERNAL AFFAIRS." THE 48-YEAR-OLD BOGDANOV

HAS PUBLICLY BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE SOVIET FOR
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OND SECRETARY IN 1962 TO/COUNSELOR IN 1964. BOG
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//BOGDANOV, A KNOWN KGB OFFICIAL, WAS CITED IN
JOHN BARRON'S BOOK ON THE KGB (1974) IN THE LIST
OF SOVIET CITIZENS SAID TO BE ENGAGED IN CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS.// THE OTHER TWO DEPUTY
DIRECTORS, VITALLY ZHURKIN AND YEVGENIY SHERSHNEV,
OVERSEE MILITARY-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
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LITTLE PUBLIC RESISTANCE SO FAR IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY SHE DECREED ON THURSDAY. Y

THERE WERE SOME NINOR OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE BUT NO

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES OVER THE WEEKEND. AS PRESS CENSORSHIP

BECOMES MORE EFFICIENT, IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN

THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, THOUGH RURAL AREAS ARE

TRADITIONALLY LESS VOLATILE THAN THE CITIES.Y

A GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS DENIED PRESS

REPORTS THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT—A GANDHI

APPOINTEE—HAD RESIGNED.Y

MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES SAY THEY WILL PROCEED WITH THEIR
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK, BUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF
ARRESTS IS EXPECTED TO KEEP PARTICIPATION LOW. MOREOVER, PERSONS
ARRESTED DURING THE EMERGENCY CANNOT APPEAL TO THE COURTS FOR
RELEASE. THIS NEW PROHIBITION, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY,
IS CERTAIN TO DISCOURAGE DISSENTERS. WELL OVER 1,000 PERSONS HAVE

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BEEN ARRESTED SINCE THURSAY, AND THE OPPOSITION LEADERS
STILL AT LARGE PROBABLY HAVE GONE UNDERGROUND.Y

CABINET MEMBERS ARE, NOW TAKING MORE VISIBLE ROLES IN

ADMINISTERING THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS. A SPECIAL COMMITTEE

CONSISTING OF THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE, DEFENSE, INTERIOR,

AND LAW HAS BEEN FORMED TO REVIEW THE SITUATION ON A DAILY BASIS.

FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN ANNOUNCED THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT

CHANGES IN FOREIGN POLICY. AGRICULTURE MINISTER RAM ASSURED

THE PUBLIC THAT THE FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION WAS IMPROVING.Y

RULING CONGRESS PARTY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE SENT TO THEIR DISTRICTS DURING THE WEEKEND TO EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS AND TO HELP ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR MRS. GANDHI. THEY WILL CONVENE IN NEW DELHI ON TUESDAY TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS.

THE EDUCATED CLASSES PROBABLY ARE INCLINED TO DISBELIEVE

MRS. GANDHI.S ARGUMENT THAT INDIAN DEMOCRACY WAS IMPERILED BY

EXTREMISTS. STUDENTS, IN PARTICULAR, ARE LIKELY TO DISCOUNT HER

CONSPIRACY RATIONALE AND WILL PROBABLY TRY TO ORGANIZE RESISTANCE

IN COMING WEEKS. THE LOWER CLASSES, HOWEVER, PROBABLY ARE AMBIVALENT

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ABOUT MRS: GANDHI'S ACTIONS AND WILL LOOK FOR RESULTS FROM HER
PROMISE ON FRIDAY TO INTRODUCE ECONOMIC MEASURES SOON TO ALLEVIATE
THE HARDSHIPS OF THE POOR.'Y

IN A FOLLOW-UP TO THIS PROMISE, MRS. GANDHI HAS ORDERED

PRICE CONTROLS ON ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES. THESE CONTROLS ARE PROBABLY

AN ATTEMPT TO RETARD THE SEASONAL ROUND OF PRICE INCREASES THAT

NORMALLY BEGIN AT THIS TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE MONSOONS SFT IN AND

FOOD STOCKS BEGIN TO RUN LOW. IN THE NEAR TERM, THE PROGRAM IS

NOT LIKELY TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE, SINCE IT DEPENDS ONLY ON LOCAL

LEADERS TO ASSURE THAT SHOPKEEPERS COMPLY. NO FORMAL PRICE

ADMINISTRATION MACHINERY HAS BEEN SET UP.Y

IF THE SITUATION REMAINS CALM IN JULY, MRS. GANDHI
REPORTEDLY PLANS TO RECONVENE PARLIAMENT IN EARLY AUGUST TO
RATIFY THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES
PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE PROCLAMATION.

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2. USSR-INDIA: MOSCOW HAS COME OUT FIRMLY ON THE SIDE OF PRIME MINISTER GANDHI IN THE PRESENT CRISIS IN INDIA. ON JUNE 27.

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PRAVDA PUBLISHED THE FULL TEXT OF GANDHI'S EMERGENCY DECREE.

COMMENTING THAT IT WAS NEEDED TO DEFEND INDIA AGAINST REACTIONARIES.

THE SOVIET UNION'S OPEN SUPPORT OF GANDHI IS HARDLY SURPRISING.

THE SOVIETS PROBABLY EXPECT THAT SHE CAN CARRY OFF HER POLICIATICAL

GAMBLE, AND THEY ALMOST CERTAINLY REGARD HER AS MORE FRIENDLY THAN

ANY LIKELY SUCCESSOR. THE SOVIETS MAY HOPE THAT GANDHI'S PRESENT

PROBLEMS WILL FORCE HER TO BECOME MORE DEPENDENT BOTH ON PRO-SOVIET

ELEMENTS WITHIN THE RULING CONGRESS PARTY AND ON THE MOSCOW
ORIENTED INDIAN COMMUNISTS.

JUDGING FROM SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS, MOSCOW
IS DETERMINED TO HEAD OFF WHAT IT FORESEES WILL BE A MAJOR EFFORT
BY CHINA TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE IN THE POST - INDOCHINA WAR
PERIOD. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SOVIETS WILL DO WHAT THEY
CAN TO ESTABLISH EVEN CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THEIR FRIENDS IN ASIA.
MOSCOE REGARDS NEW DELHI AS AN IMPORTANT COUNTERWEIGHT TO CHINA AND
THUS SEES THE SITUATION IN INDIA AS A POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERCUT CHINESE POLICY BY STRENGTHENING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN NEW DELHI.

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3. LEBANON: PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE RASHID KARAMI TOLD
NEWSMEN ON SUNDAY THAT HE HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH LEBANON'S
POLITICAL LEADERS ON HOW TO FORM A NEW CABINET, AND HAS
"HIGH HOPES" THAT HE CAN ANNOUNCE ITS COMPOSITION MINOUN MONDAY.
KARAMI ISSUED HIS STATEMENT AFTER AN UNPLANNED SIX-HOUR
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH.Y

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. LEBANESE ARMY UNITS LATE
SUNDAY BEGAN GUARDING IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS IN BEIRUT.

ANY USE OF THE ARMY TO END THE CURRENT FIGHTING HAS UNTIL NOW
BEEN OPPOSED BY KARAMI. WHO REPRESENTS MUSLIM AND. TO A
LESSER EXTENT. PALESTINIAN AND SYRIAN INTERESTS. KARAMI. THIS
WEEKEND. WAS AT THE POINT OF GIVING UP HIS MONTH-LONG EFFORT TO FORM
A GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER. AND MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT HE HAD TO
ACQUIESCE IN SOME—PERHAPS ONLY TOKEN—ARMY INVOLVEMENT IN
RETURN FOR POLITICAL CONCESSIONS BY FRANJIYAH. Y

FOR HIS PART, FRANJIYAH MAY HAVE ACCEPTED KARAMI'S

PROPOSAL THAT HE ESTABLISH A SMALL, MAN'NON-POLITICAL" CABINET

THAT WOULD EXCLUDE CURRENT LEADERS OF BOTH THE RIGHT-WING

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PHALANGES PARTY AND THE LEFT-WING PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY. FRANJIYAH HAS UNTIL NOW SUPPORTED THE PHALANGISTS IN THEIR DEMAND THAT THEY BE INCLUDED IN ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT.Y

MUSLIM AND LEFTIST LEADERS MET IN STRATEGY SESSIONS OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT ABANDON THEIR DEMAND FOR A NON-POLITICAL CABINET, BUT PROBABLY DID DECIDE THEY COULD AGREE THAT IT SERVE ONLY A SHORT TIME BEFORE BEING EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL POLITICAL FACTIONS. THIS, IN THEIR VIEW, WOULD BE A CONCESSION TO THE PHALANGISTS, AND WOULD ALLOW PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE JUMAYYIL TO STAY OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND STILL CLAIM SOMETHING OF A VICTORY. Y

JUMAYYIL TOLD REPORTERS AS RECENTLY AS SATURDAY THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH A SOLUTION. HIS PARTY IS NOT NOW IN A STRONG MILITARY OR POLITICAL POSITION, HOWEVER, AND HE PROBABLY WOULD ACCEPT SOME SUCH FORMULA IF FRANJIYAH AND CAMILLE SHAMUN, LEADER OF THE OTHER LARGE PREDOMINANTLY CHRISTIAN POLITICAL PARTY, THREATENED TO WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORT. Y

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KARAMI AND FRANJIYAH WERE PUSHED TOWARD A COMPROMISE BY THE CONTINUED DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN BEIRUT. FIGHTING IN THE CITY SPREAD OVER THE WEEKEND FROM THE SUBURBS TOWARD THE MAIN TOURIST AND COMMERCIAL AREAS. ALL ROADS LEADING INTO THE CITY WERE CLOSED SUNDAY MORNING. AND THE POLICE—IN THEIR MOST OMINOUS REPORT SINCE THE TROUBLES BEGAN LAST APRIL-APPEALED TO RESIDENTS OF ALL AREAS TO REMAIN INDOORS.4

VIOLENCE HAS ALSO SPREAD OUTSIDE BEIRUT. ARMED LEFTIST AND MUSLIM GROUPS HAVE EFFECTIVELY SHUT DOWN THE SOUTHERN PORT CITIES OF TYRE AND SIDON, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL BOMBINGS IN THE NORTHERN PORT OF TRIPOLI, AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED IN THE EASTERN TOWN OF BAALBEK.Y

THE LEADER OF LEBANON'S SIZABLE SHIA MUSLIM COMMUNITY-WHO, LIKE KARAMI, FAVORS A NON-POLITICAL CABINET-LAST FRIDAY BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE AS PART OF A PROTEST AGAINST THE CONTINUING CIVIL DISORDER. HE HAS ONLY LIMITED POLITICAL POWER OUTSIDE HIS OWN RELIGIOUS GROUP, BUT HIS FOLLOWERS FORM A SIGNIFICANT DATE:

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PROPORTION OF BETRUT'S POORER SUBURBAN POPULATION AND COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE THE SECURITY SITUATION IF THEY WERE TO BECOME SERIOUSLY DISAFFECTED AND INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING.Y

THE LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES HAVE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN CHECKING THE SPREADING VIOLENCE, OR IN THEIR MORE LIMITED EFFORT TO ERADICATE THE RADICAL LEFTIST AND FEDAYEEN STRONGHOLD IN THE SHIYAH DISTRICT IN BEIRUT. GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO LEAVE THE RELATIVE SECURITY OF THEIR ARTORED VEHICLES TO FLUSH OUT SNIPERS, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO DISLODGE THEM WITH HEAVY WEAPONS. THIS HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE, AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, AND DISAFFECTION WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE SECURITY SERVICE. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE RADICALS WANT. AND PROBABLY PLAYED A PART IN PROMPTING FRANJIYAH AND KARAMI TO PAPER OVER THEIR DIFFERENCES.Y

FATAH AND SAIGA, THE TWO LARGEST FEDAYEEN GROUPS, HAVE REMAINED ON THE SIDELINES, ALTHOUGH FATAH CHIEF YASIR ARAFAT HAS BEEN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM HIS LEFT-WING FOLLOWERS DATE:

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TO BECOME INVOLVED. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, PROBABLY

OVERDRAWN, ARAFAT'S POLICY OF NEUTRALITY THIS WEEKEND CAUSED

A "NEAR MUTINY" WITHIN FÉDAYEEN RANKS.Y

SUNDAY MORNING, PALESTINIAN LEADERS WERE STILL MEETING
IN STRATEGY SESSIONS WITH LEBANESE OFFICIALS, AND PALESTINIAN
FORCES WERE CONTINUING TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE LEBANESE
SECURITY SERVICES IN JOINT PATROLS OF THE EMBATTLED AREAS.
IF THE FEDAYEEN STAY OUT OF THE FIGHTING, DESPITE THE
PROVOCATION THEY WILL SEE IN ANY ARMY INVOLVEMENT, AND IF
KARAMI IS ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT
MONDAY, THE SECURITY SITUATION SHOULD IMPROVE DRAMATICALLY.
FIGHTING DIMINISHED SHARPLY EVEN WHEN THE UNPOPULAR MILITARY
CABINET WAS ANNOUNCED LATE LAST MONTH. {CONFIDENTIAL}Y



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5. *//BAHRAIN: BAHRAIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER HAS INFORMED
THE US AMBASSADOR IN MANAMA THAT THE US NAVY'S MIDDLE EAST
FORCE MUST LEAVE THE PERSIAN GULF ISLAND BY JUNE 30, 1977.
BAHRAIN WILL EXTEND THE STATIONING AGREEMENT UNTIL THAT TIME
ON THE BASIS OF UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN RECENT TALKS.//Y

//THE ROYAL FAMILY IN BAHRAIN HAS LONG FELT THAT THE US

NAVAL FORCE REINFORCED THE REGIME'S POSITION BY ADDING TO THE SECONDISTRIBUTION OF THE ISLAND. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT

HAS COME UNDER PRESSURE, BOTH FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND

FROM NEIGHBORING GULF STATES, TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT.//Y

//BAHRAIN'S DECISION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SPARKED, IN PART,
BY PROPOSALS CIRCULATING IN THE GULF REGION FOR SOME KIND OF
SECURITY PACT. THE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY STATE—
MENTS FROM REGIONAL LEADERS OPPOSING THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN
POWERS IN THE AREA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH
HIS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ANY SUCH PACT TO BE YEARS AWAY, IT WISHES
TO STRENGTHEN BAHRAIN'S NATIONOMNALIST CREDITIALS FOR BARGAINING
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